



The Parish Church of

# St John the Baptist

Serving the communities of Bodicote,

## **Our Parish Prayer**

Ever living God, give us the courage to be your church in the community and for the community, and teach us new ways to share your love with all those around us. Amen.

## Sunday 7 June First Sunday after Trinity

### **Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **First Reading: Hosea 5.15-6.6**

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favour:

‘Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water

the earth.'

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the  
prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my  
mouth, and my judgement goes  
forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not  
sacrifice, the knowledge of God  
rather than burnt-offerings.

**Second Reading:  
Romans 4.13–end**

For the promise that he would inherit  
the world did not come to Abraham  
or to his descendants through the  
law but through the righteousness of  
faith. If it is the adherents of the law  
who are to be the heirs, faith is null  
and the promise is void. For the law  
brings wrath; but where there is no  
law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith,  
in order that the promise may rest  
on grace and be guaranteed to all  
his descendants, not only to the  
adherents of the law but also to  
those who share the faith of Abraham  
(for he is the father of all of us, as it  
is written, I have made you the father  
of many nations)-in the presence of  
the God in whom he believed, who  
gives life to the dead and calls into  
existence the things that do not  
exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that  
he would become the father of many  
nations, according to what was said,  
So numerous shall your descendants  
be. He did not weaken in faith when he  
considered his own body, which was  
already as good as dead (for he was  
about a hundred years old), or when he  
considered the barrenness of Sarah's  
womb. No distrust made him waver  
concerning the promise of God, but  
he grew strong in his faith as he gave  
glory to God, being fully convinced  
that God was able to do what he had  
promised.

Therefore his faith was reckoned  
to him as righteousness. Now the  
words, it was reckoned to him, were  
written not for his sake alone, but  
for ours also. It will be reckoned to  
us who believe in him who raised  
Jesus our Lord from the dead, who  
was handed over to death for our  
trespasses and was raised for our  
justification.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.9–13,  
18–26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw  
a man called Matthew sitting at the  
tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow  
me.' And he got up and followed him.  
And as he sat at dinner in the house,  
many tax-collectors and sinners  
came and were sitting with him and

his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I

only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

### **Post-communion Prayer**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Notices

We are delighted to welcome Deb Lee to our 9.45am service. Deb is cycling from York Minster to St Paul's Cathedral to promote **Mothers' Union in this 150th anniversary year**. Deb is a Worldwide Board Trustee representing the York Province and yesterday she cycled from Coventry to Bodicote where members of Bodicote MU entertained her and her fellow cyclists and support team to tea. Today she will be cycling to Oxford for Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral.

Please make her feel very welcome.

**This year's Church Experience event** is coming up in the week beginning Monday 6 July. For more information on what volunteering would involve, please do speak to the vicar who will be more than happy to talk about the general event and also what specifically we are trying this year to improve the flow.

We are seeking volunteers for the mornings of Monday 6 July, Tuesday

7 July, and Wednesday 8 July, likely between 9am and 11am (with final confirmation to come soon). We will also have one afternoon session for early years students, likely on the Tuesday afternoon.

Please let the vicar know if you are able and willing to help in any of these slots. We won't be able to do it without you! With thanks, as ever, for all the many ways in which people volunteer, and in advance for those able to help with this event.

**Some future dates for your diaries:**

Sunday 21 June - 6pm Taize service

Sunday 28 June - our Patronal celebration

Sunday 19 July - 6pm Thanksgiving service

**Diary for this week**

*All in church unless otherwise stated*

We are pleased to welcome Revd Brian Fairbank back to lead our services today and hope he enjoys his time with us.

**Sunday 7 June**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

**Monday 8 June**

8am Morning Prayer on Zoom\*

**Sunday 14 June**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Parish Communion

\*ask wardens for link

**Readings for 14 June**

Exodus 19.2–8a

Romans 5.1–8

Matthew 9.35–10.23

**This week we pray** for all who live or work in East Street, and Eastern Terrace

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